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### NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

Geo. J. Stanford advertises a special sale in crockery, to which he asks the attention of the public.

Rev. Dr. J. E. Kittredge, of Genesee, New York, will preach in the Westminster church, morning and evening.

James Foster, James E. Ellor and Foreman Kauffman went to Philadelphia on Thursday morning to purchase the horse carriage for the Phoenix Company.

A paper, by Rev. Mr. Simons, on the Apocalypse, published in the Baptist Quarterly Review, has attracted considerable attention as a profound study of that subject.

At the communication of Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., last Tuesday eve, the W. M. announced the usual midsummer suspension of meetings until the first Tuesday in September.

Work on the new depot at Glen Ridge has been begun. The building is to cost \$10,000, of which \$5,000 will be paid by Mr. A. G. Darwin, and the balance by the railroad company.

The horse, attached to the delivery wagon of R. T. Cadmus, at his store on Bloomfield avenue, became frightened on Thursday and a lively runaway, through the alley and into Broad street, took place. The wagon was overturned in front of the Post Office, and the reins then pulled so tightly upon the horse that he was easily stopped. No damage was done except to the wagon-top, which was torn loose from the body.

The First Baptist church is undergoing a thorough renovation, and improvements are being made that will cost over \$2,000 and will completely change both the interior and exterior appearance of the building. The old uncomfortable seats have been removed and settee chairs will be substituted, new carpets will be laid throughout and the walls and ceilings will be handsomely frescoed. A new piano will also be placed in the church parlor. A fresh coat of paint adds to the attractiveness of the outside appearance of the church.

### The Firemen's Excursion.

Of all places, for a picnic or an extensive excursion, Greenwood Lake excels. At least so thought the firemen of Bloomfield and their friends, to the number of 800 or more, last Tuesday morning. It took fourteen cars and two engines to carry them there and back again. The day was delightful, the Lake charming, and everybody in good spirits. The ladies—and there were lots of them—were "just as good as they could be," they didn't think of crying. The boys and girls—youthful and older—enjoyed each other's society so well that when the return train reached Bloomfield (at 9.40 P. M.) they wondered what made the day so short.

The Lake and its surroundings were simply magnificent, the air kept up its reputation for coolness and vigor, and the excursion ended without any accident to mar its pleasures.

### Township Committee.

At the regular meeting of the Committee on Wednesday evening, bids were opened for grading and laying a stone road on Broad street north of Belleville avenue. The bid of Mr. Gustav Bruett for grading at 36 cts. per cubic yard was accepted, as was that of Mr. C. E. McDowell for laying stone—road 20 ft. wide and six inches deep for 92½ cts. a running foot. It was voted that the Road Committee be authorized to make contracts for 2,100 ft. Complaints were received that manure was habitually dumped at various places in Broad street. These heaps of foul-smelling stuff were shown to be an intolerable nuisance to residents along the street, and obstructions to the highways. Action was postponed until a future meeting, but every member expressed his belief that such use of the streets should be summarily prohibited.

By resolution of the Committee, the assessment for water was fixed at \$5,760, and for gas at \$4,700.

Chas. Hoffman was elected a member of Active Hose Company No. 1.

Power was given the Committee to purchase a small horse carriage for Phoenix Hose Co., and a bell for Active Hose Co.

### School Meeting.

A special school meeting of the voters of School District Number Seven was held on Monday evening. Mr. Chas. M. Davis, County Superintendent, was elected Chairman and Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin, Secretary.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees it was voted that the sum of \$8,500 be assessed upon the District for current expenses and \$3,000 additional for payment upon the mortgage indebtedness.

The Annual Report of the Trustees was presented and accepted by the meeting.

Discussion followed as to the desirability of increasing the length of the noon recess.

Mr. Nathan Russell advocated a longer noon spell, as there was not time enough given for the scholars to eat their dinner comfortably and return to the school.

Mr. Chas. M. Davis stated that in the East Orange schools the custom was to give one and a-half hour for the noon recess; while at St. Mark's school in Orange, only half-an-hour is given, it being expected that the children will bring their lunches with them.

It was stated by Mr. Thos. Oakes, President of the Board, that about two years ago the teachers asked for a shorter recess. A good many of the children bring their lunches and would find an hour-and-a-half too long. No action was taken.

### Destroy the Beetle!

To The Citizens:

How can we successfully fight the elm beetle and her ravenous progeny? This is the question that has come to be a serious one in Bloomfield, where our once beautiful trees, of the kind attacked, are now little else than unsightly skeletons. The damage was first observed by a few citizens last season, and the word of warning against the impending destruction was given two months ago in THE CITIZEN. One of the most inexpensive and practicable remedies suggested—that of painting a section of the tree trunks with printer's ink—was quite generally adopted. This has proved to be of considerable service in preventing the slug or worm from getting to the ground, or the insect from ascending the trunk, but we are still at the beginning of the battle of the beetle, with the odds as yet in favor of the enemy.

Only when the habits of this destructive creature are more widely known, and people generally awake to the supreme necessity of exterminating the pest, and there is a concerted, vigorous, and thorough effort put forth to destroy the insect in every stage of its development, will there be a reasonable hope of saving the trees.

If some vandal should go about at night and secretly girdle a tree here and there, the town would soon be aroused, and efforts put forth to capture and punish the rascal, and so stop the work of spoliation. Yet the destruction goes on in a wholesale, business-like fashion on the part of the beetle. It introduces itself to our notice as a very insignificant, harmless-looking insect, resembling that found upon melon vines but smaller in size. It has two pairs of wings, but is not much of a flier. These insects creep up the tree, having come out at or near the ground. Reaching the boughs they deposit a multitude of minute white eggs on the leaves. In two weeks' time these eggs are hatched, the outcome being a brood of little black specks, which the microscope reveals to be fully developed larvae, already busily engaged in honeycombing the leaf, gorging themselves with the life-blood of the tree. In a few days or weeks they have grown to full size, three-fourths of an inch in length. The hot weather compels them to seek the shade, and they crawl down the tree, many stopping on their way and secluding themselves under the bark where favorable crevices are found. The moss on a tree is a favorite hiding-place. Thus they become dormant, change to a bright yellow pupa, which finally, in about two weeks from the time the worm went to sleep, is resurrected into the winged, egg-depositing beetle. There are swarms of beetles now coming out, as a midsummer crop, on the trunks of the trees.

Such is the history and the habits of the elm beetle, as I have so far observed them. The best plan seems to be to scrape off the rough bark of the trees, as high up as possible, and burn it. This will just now destroy many of the worms and compel those above to come down and deposit themselves at the base of the trees, where they can be readily swept up and destroyed by burning, with a few leaves. I should say that this plan is the most feasible. Washing the bark with a solution of London purple has produced no effect upon the worms. Applications of kerosene do little good, apparently, and the same may be said of other methods that have been tried. The

worms, after rolling up in the printers' ink, are seen to pass through the stages of metamorphosis and crawl out uninjured beetles. With these experiences, the sure and radical remedy is to crush or burn the pests, wherever found and in whatever form.

Every owner of elms should be alert to destroy the worms or beetles, whenever and wherever they appear, and trees on the public grounds should be daily looked after by the town authorities. If the beetles are not exterminated pretty generally this season, they will next year, in all probability, kill most of the trees.

A wise man, it is said, "is he who knows what to do next." The wise thing for us to do next and immediately is to save our trees by killing the beetle. And in doing this we should "make it unanimous" on the part of every tree owner or householder. Many hands make light work, and thorough work is what seems to be essential.

S. M. H.

### The Elm Tree Plague.

To The Citizens:

When the matter of protecting the elms from destruction by the beetle was talked over by the Improvement Society few supposed it would be so serious.

The only one who seemed at all alarmed was Mr. G. Lee Stout, and the result has proved he was correct.

He immediately ordered his trees treated with printer's ink, etc., the same as was done in other towns, and from that followed the general treatment by the public.

The material used first seemed to dry too rapidly and the worms or caterpillars got over the hands without much trouble.

For the last application I used two parts printer's ink, two of glycerine and one of lard oil, the latter to thin it so it can be applied.

I believe this preparation effective if used often, say once or twice a week or as soon as it shows signs of drying; but each owner of trees should have a can of the mixture and apply it at the proper time himself.

It would cost much less and answer the purpose better.

I hear that in Connecticut they are using a tin contrivance filled with some kind of liquid, put around the tree. The worms fall into it and cannot get out.

This I believe to be the best of all. I have sent for a sample and hope to have it in a few days. Will then see how it works.

The trees are looking badly and we should try every means to protect them.

If any one knows of a better way to catch the enemy I would like to hear it.

The trees probably were very much affected last year and should have been attended to then.

M. A. DAILY.

### Vicinity Notes.

MONTCLAIR.

On Saturday the new building of the Children's Orphan Home Society, on Gates avenue, Montclair, was formally opened with a gathering of the members of the society and friends of the institution at the Home.

Crystal Lodge, Good Templars, received a fraternal visit Saturday evening from Neptune Lodge, of Paterson, and Crystal Lodge provided a pleasant entertainment for their visitors.

Joseph Cotter, aged sixteen, of Cross street, Montclair, died early Wednesday morning of lockjaw, which ensued from a wound in his right foot inflicted by the explosion of a small cannon on the Fourth of July.

Some of our local tradesmen justly complain of the rapidly increasing number of hucksters, butchers, grocers, and bakers from other towns who, by all sorts of devices, secure the patronage of the people of Montclair. It is stated that not less than six butchers and as many grocers and vegetable dealers come from Orange, Bloomfield and Newark daily. In some cases the Newark peddlers hid up on a certain line of vegetables at a bargain, and instead of disposing of them in their own city or in Orange, where they would be compelled to pay a license, they visit Montclair and reap the profits of the local dealers. The latter contribute toward the support of town institutions; they pay taxes levied on their stores and are interested in the general welfare of the town, while the out-of-town men sell their goods here and pocket the proceeds without leaving one cent in town.—Times.

CALDWELL.

President Sloan, Superintendent Rensselaer and Engineer Underhoven, of the D. L. & W. R. R. Company, have been examining the vicinity of Caldwell, in view of building a branch of the Morris and Essex Division from Montclair to Morristown. Several days ago they took a carriage at Montclair and drove to Verona, Caldwell, Parsippany and Hanover. They wanted to ascertain whether the proposed road would be profitable and to decide as to the most feasible of three surveys made in 1884. It is reported that the Erie Railway has been offered inducements from residents of Morristown to build a competing line from that place through Caldwell and to New York by the Greenwood Lake line.

EAST ORANGE.

Mary Hambury, a girl aged fourteen, residing on Parrow street, Orange, was arraigned before Judge Munn, on a charge of obtaining goods on false pretences from the grocery store of Herbert J. Condit. The girl had been employed for a short time by a lady residing on William street. This lady traded at Condit's grocery, and after the girl left she came to go to the grocery for goods and have them charged to the William street lady. The girl's mother asserted that she did not bring the goods thus secured to her home. She was held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

On Sunday morning the East Orange police captured Peter Shannon in the cellar of the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Wiley, and in Shannon they believe they have one of the crooks who has been concerned in all the recent burglaries committed in this township. Shannon was caught just as he was emerging from a cellar window, but denied having anything to do with the other burglaries. Joseph W. Ellors, of Watessing, charged Shannon with stealing his trousers, shoes and hat, and \$1.10 in money, Saturday afternoon, while he was in bathing in the canal at Bloomfield. Although Shannon wore the clothing, he pleaded not guilty, and said that he had bought them from a "bum" at Silver Lake. He was held in the sum of \$200.

Officer Eddy, who overhauled the thief who was carrying off the goods stolen from Mr. Joseph Donaldson's house, and saved all the property, has been presented by Mr. Donaldson with a fine new pattern Smith & Wesson revolver.

ORANGE.

Patrick Fitzgerald, of Long street, was engaged in taking away kindling wood from a buzz-saw in Mr. George Spottiswoode's wood yard, on Washington street, Thursday, when his hand came in contact with a buzz-saw and he lost three fingers. His hand was dressed at the Memorial Hospital.

The question of how the streets of the city of Orange shall be lighted has been settled, so far as a vote of the Council to accept a proposition can determine the matter. The decision of the Aldermen is in favor of electricity. It now remains for the Mayor to make a contract with the company whose proposition was accepted, and for the Alderman to approve that contract and the company to give bonds for its faithful fulfillment.

The death of Mrs. Mary Fenn occurred Sunday evening at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. F. W. Baldwin, in West Orange. Mrs. Fenn was better known as Mrs. Mary F. Davis. She was an officer and member of "Sorosis," of New York, the oldest Woman's Society in the country. From 1860 to 1864 she was editor of the Herald of Progress. The funeral of Mrs. Davis was largely attended, a number of prominent literary ladies and gentlemen from New York, and officers and members of "Sorosis," being among those present. The floral tributes were profuse, and an exquisite anchor of white flowers was from "Sorosis." The services were conducted by the Rev. W. F. Whittaker, of the St. Cloud Presbyterian church, and were simple but impressive. They consisted of singing by a quartette, composed of Mrs. H. Stuart, Miss M. Gee, Mr. R. Mix and Mr. J. O. B. Harrison; reading of passages of Scripture selected by the deceased; and a touching eulogy of Mrs. Fenn by the clergyman.

ELIZABETH.

By the terrible accident on the railroad here on Friday, Miss Anna Wyckoff was killed. She was a daughter of Mr. Frank Wyckoff, and a dressmaker at Rahway, where the family formerly lived and to which place he made daily visits. A freight train was in the station, and the steam from it, with a slight rain, caused her to raise her umbrella. The train for Rahway was approaching the station and she started across the track before it had stopped, when a train from the other way came along. The other passengers saw her danger and shouted to her and she became bewildered. Just then Mr. Catlin, who is a yardmaster at Jersey City, saw her peril and sprang to her help. He had just seized her when the train struck them both. Miss Wyckoff was thrown about twenty feet, with a broken neck and hip, and was taken up dead. Catlin had his skull fractured, and there is but little hope of his recovery. Engineer Furman, who was hauling the through express, saw the young woman as soon as she reached the track. He whistled and reversed the engine, but he was on a down grade and the rails were wet. He thought he was going at the rate of twenty miles an hour when he struck her. Jesse Catlin has served as yardmaster in Jersey City for the Pennsylvania Railroad for eight years. He is thirty-five years old. He has a wife and four young children.

### State Items.

Whitfield Gibbs, a former Newarker, late of the Sussex Independent, has accepted the editorship of the Passaic Times, a daily Democratic newspaper of that city.

Leonard Martin has been held to bail in Jersey City for blowing a bugle in front of a clothing store because it would not close at 8 o'clock, in conformity with the action of the other storekeepers on the same avenue.

County Clerk Burroughs, of Camden, has decided to retaliate on the Board of Freeholders for refusing to pay his salary by holding on to all the fees paid into his office. He says he is perfectly satisfied that he can recover his salary, with interest, by a suit against the county.

The new State Prison Keeper thus far

has had little or no trouble with the convicts; he has made many changes for the better; his discipline is of the first order; he is cool, kind and gentlemanly, and has, it is thought, all the qualifications to make one of the best keepers that institution ever had.

Mr. Wm. E. Black, of Hightstown, a few weeks ago discovered a quail's nest, which seemed to have been stepped into by some animal, whereby six of the twenty eggs were broken. Leaving it a few days, he became satisfied that the parent bird had deserted it. A thought struck him to give the fourteen sound eggs to a bantam hen that was waiting for a job. On Monday last, after exactly three weeks of incubation, eleven of the prettiest and cutest little birds imaginable made their appearance, to the joy of the diminutive foster mother. Mr. Black hopes to raise the whole brood, which he protects with wire netting.

The President has appointed James Curran as postmaster at Hoboken, and Edmund McKinney, at Keyport. Mr. Curran is about forty-five years of age. He has been active in Hoboken politics for many years, and was known for some time as the political boss of the Fourth ward—the meadows district. He was for years Chief of the Fire Department, but withdrew from the department nine or ten years ago. He was afterward in the Common Council, and served a term in the Assembly. He next aspired to a lay Judgeship on the bench of the Hudson County Court of Sessions, but Governor Abbott refused to appoint him.

### MARRIED.

In Bloomfield, July 15, by Rev. E. D. Simons, Miss Jennie B. Howell of Montclair, to Mr. Jesse R. Clark of same place.

In Bloomfield, July 18, by Rev. E. D. Simons, Miss Lucy Dawkins, to Mr. Chas. H. Franks, both of Bloomfield.

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